BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH Case No. 2014100424

ORDER FOLLOWING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

On October 27, 2014, a telephonic prehearing conference was held before Administrative Law Judge Judith L. Pasewark, Office of Administrative Hearings. Christine Wood, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Los Angeles Unified School District. Parent appeared on behalf of Student. Parent indicated she spoke English and the services of a Spanish language interpreter were not necessary. The PHC was recorded.

Based on discussion of the parties, the ALJ issues the following order:

1. <u>Hearing Dates, Times, and Location.</u> Parent indicated she has obtained an attorney to represent Student in this matter, therefore, she requested a continuance of the due process hearing. District objected due to the length of time required for continuance. The ALJ granted Student's request. The hearing is continued and shall take place on February 3, 4, and 5, 2015, continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday as needed at the discretion of the ALJ. The hearing shall begin each day at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered. The hearing shall take place at the OAH offices located at 15350 Sherman Way, Suite 300, Van Nuys, California 91406.

A telephonic prehearing conference shall take place on January 23 2015, at 1:00 p.m. OAH shall initiate the telephone call.

The parties shall immediately notify all potential witnesses of the hearing dates, and shall subpoena witnesses if necessary, to ensure that the witnesses will be available to testify. A witness will not be regarded as unavailable for purposes of showing "good cause" to continue the hearing if the witness is not properly notified of the hearing date or properly subpoenaed, as applicable.

2. <u>Settlement.</u> The parties are encouraged to continue working together to reach an agreement before the due process hearing. It is strongly suggested that the parties reschedule a mediation date prior to the due process hearing. The parties shall inform OAH in writing immediately should they reach a settlement or otherwise resolve the dispute before

the scheduled hearing. In addition, if a settlement is reached within five days of the scheduled start of the due process hearing, the parties shall also inform OAH of the settlement by telephone at (916) 263-0880.

Dates for hearing will not be cancelled until the letter of withdrawal or signature page of the signed agreement has been received by OAH. If an agreement in principle is reached, the parties should plan to attend the scheduled hearing unless different arrangements have been agreed upon by the assigned ALJ. The assigned ALJ will check for messages the evening prior to the hearing or the morning of the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: October 27, 2014

JUDITH PASEWARK Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Hearings